

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 22 to read as follows:

FIG. 1F illustrates various autonomic nerves in the head, neck, and thorax. The vagus nerve 148 has a number of nerve branches. Three of these branches are named the superior cervical cardiac branch 120, the inferior cervical cardiac branch 124, and the thoracic cardiac branch 128. Advantageously, these branches are sufficiently separate from the vagus nerve ~~148~~ 148 to allow independent and selective stimulation of the vagus nerve 148 and/or its branches via appropriate placement of at least one electrode.